IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Group Art Unit: 2137 ş 8 Examiner: Michael J. Pyzocha Thomas E. Tahan 8 § Atty. Dkt.: 5181-75900 § Serial No.: 09/923,588 § § Filed: August 7, 2001 § 8 8 For: CONTROLLED INFORMATION FLOW BETWEEN COMMUNITIES VIA A FIREWALL. §

NOTICE OF APPEAL

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final Office Action dated July 14, 2006.

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